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SUBJ: MOBUTU' S CONCERN OVER US STOCKPILE SALES

REF: STATE 70522, 70365

1. ON INSTRUCTIONS PRESIDENT MOBUTU COMMISSAIRE D' ETAT
NGUZA CONVOKED AMB APRIL 19 TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER PRESS
REPORTS OF STOCKPILE SALES, PARTICULARLY OF COPPER, COBALT
AND DIAMONDS.

2. AMB REPLIED THAT PROPOSED LEGISLATION WHICH REQUIRED
FOR SALES IN SOME INSTANCES PROVIDED FOR DUE REGARD FOR
PROTECTION AGAINST DISRUPTION OF USUAL MARKETS. MOREOVER,
USG AS OWNER OF STOCKPILE HAD VESTED INTEREST IN SEEING THAT
MARKETS NOT DISRUPTED IN ORDER TO OBTAIN FAIR VALUE FOR
MATERIALS TO BE SOLD. IN ANY EVENT, US WOULD BE CONSULTING
WITH INTERESTED COUNTRIES AND ZAIRE WOULD HAVE OPPORTUNITY
TO ANALYZE POSSIBLE EFFECT OF PROJECTED US STOCKPILE
SALES AND MAKE ITS VIEWS KNOWN. HE HAD IMPRESSION SUCH
CONSULTATIONS HAD BEGUN OR WERE ABOUT TO BEGIN IN
WASHINGTON.

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3. NGUZA SAID HE WOULD CONVEY ABOVE TO THE PRESIDENT.
IN THE MEANTIME, HE ASKED THAT MOBUTU' S CONCERN
OFFICIALLY BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE USG. DECONTROLLED
FOLLOWING DECEMBER 31, 1977.
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